

# Meeting Notes

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, March 8, 2006  
**LOCATION:** FWP Region 2 Headquarters, Missoula  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## IN ATTENDANCE

**Council Members-** Tim Aldrich, Chad Bauer, Louie Bouma, Edward Hebbe III, Rich Lane, Pat O'Herren, Jim Olson, Bud Pile, Jack Reneau, Ray Rugg, Stephanie Strickland

**Staff-** Mack Long, Vivaca Crowser, Jeff Darrah, Pat Saffel, Ginny Schmutz, Dianne Schmutz, Mike Thompson

The meeting convened at 6:40 PM

## Opening Remarks:

Mack opened the meeting by welcoming members and staff. He introduced Vivaca Crowser, the Region 2 Information Officer and described the Urban Wildlife presentation she would be giving.

Consensus was that rather than setting multiple meeting date as one time we would continue setting the next meeting date at the current meeting.

In an effort to raise public awareness about what the Citizen Advisory Council is and what it does, it was decided that the CAC would do a public outreach activity by sponsoring a showing of the video "Back From The Brink." The video was produced by the FWP Foundation and is used as a fund-raiser. A subcommittee involving Tim Aldrich, Louie Bouma, Jim Olson, and Stephanie Strickland will work with Vivaca Crowser to set up the showing for some between late April and mid-May.

Ginny brought up a possible point of interest for the CAC. The August FWP Commission meeting will be held in Missoula on Thursday, August 3, 2006.

The subject of CAC term limits was brought up. Questions asked were:

- Should we have term limits?
- Should we appoint a subcommittee to look address the issue?
- What about staggered terms?

The subject was tabled and will be discussed at the July meeting.

Vivaca gave a Powerpoint presentation similar to one given to the Missoula City Council a short time ago when she met with them.

We are looking at the statewide urban wildlife legislation and at what other

communities are doing. HB249 gave cities the authorization to develop urban wildlife plans with approval from FWP.

Chad Bauer of BFI mentioned that their trash pick up only for Missoula, Grant Creek, The Rattlesnake, and 9-Mile included over 1,000 carcasses in 2005. This is an expensive cost free service offered to the community to help solve a public safety and sanitation issue. But it is getting out of control cost wise and needs a permanent solution.

Jeff Darrah, the Warden Captain said that as he commutes into Missoula from the Stevensville area he picks up anywhere from 2 to 6 carcasses a week. The MDOT picks up over 500 carcasses a year just in the Bitterroot Valley on the Hwy 93 strip.

Further Discussion of Urban Wildlife Issues:

Pat O'Herren indicated the city/county people would be more comfortable with an urban wildlife management position rather than a wildlife biologist position.

HB410 (?) Clarified plans could include hunting and feeding restrictions.

Helena City Ordinance 3047 made it legal to discharge firearms within the city limits to control wildlife.

Helena City Ordinance 3046 made it illegal to provide supplemental feed to deer.

Ed Hebbe asked if we could we not bait, net, and dispatch deer the way do in other states and give the deer to the food bank?

Note: Confiscated meat carcasses already go to the food bank. They have a refrigerated truck that takes the carcasses to the prison for cutting and wrapping.

Rich Lane brought up a point when he asked if it is time to ask the legislature for money to implement planning.

Tim Aldrich said it is a pervasive statewide issue.

Stephanie Strickland commented that hunters are paying for wildlife management. Non-hunters are reaping the benefits when deer are removed from the city. Something should be done to make that situation more equitable.

Discussion followed of observed urban wildlife problems.